

PERPLEXED DEMOCRATS.

Divided Opinion Regarding the Apportionment Bill.

DON'T SEE THEIR WAY CLEAR

To Cut Down Representation in Some Democratic States—A Bare Possibility the Matter May Go Over to the Next House.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—The Democrats are now in serious consultation on the subject of the apportionment bill. It still remains to be settled whether or not the critics of the census will be able to secure Mr. Porter's work as to defeat a re-apportionment at this session. Democrats think that the hearing before the Census Committee on the New York City case will have a decided influence on the question. If they should succeed in compelling a recount of New York City, it might send the whole apportionment question over until the next Congress. The Democrats have many perplexing questions to consider in relation to the bill. The number at which the members of the House could be held to the best interest of the Democrats, all things considered, is 100. Mr. Holman, the present number of the Committee, is the present number, 100, but it seems impossible to induce the Democrats in support of a measure fixing this as the number for the House. The bill, which will save the States of New York, New Jersey, Kentucky, Tennessee and South Carolina, would each lose a member. The Democrats from these States do not see their way to voting for the bill, and their State delegations, though it will benefit the whole South. The Republicans are expected to take advantage of this state of affairs and propose to cut membership in all States except the States from New York to give the Republicans an immense advantage. It will be difficult to induce the Democrats to vote against the bill, for the larger number and the party leaders are greatly perplexed by the situation in which they find themselves.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Pension Bill in the House—Elections.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Mr. Cushman, of Michigan, in the House today called up Senate joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to issue 1,000 stands of arms to each of the States of North and South Dakota, Wyoming and Nebraska. Mr. Holman, of Indiana, while not opposing the resolution, expressing his belief that there was no strong ground for the pension bill, and that it was not being ill-treated. He believed that the charges made that pensions were being properly supplied were well founded. He had entire confidence in the present Commissioner of Indian Affairs, but he believed that the trouble which existed was the result of the neglect, if not the carelessness of persons connected with the Indian service.

On motion of Mr. Carter, of Montana, the State of Montana was included in the joint resolution, which was then passed.

On motion of Mr. Morrow, of California—Yeas 138, nays 71. Mr. Rogers, of Arkansas, leading the opposition in support of the bill. Mr. Morrow went into Committee of the Whole (Mr. Burrows in the chair) on the pension appropriation bill. Mr. Outwater, of Ohio, said that in the House yesterday charges had been made against the Commissioner of Pensions, which, if sustained, brought the conduct of that officer very near to an imputable offense. Mr. Morrow, in support of the Commissioner in abandoning his post for the purpose of effecting an honest (sincerely) election in the district of the gentleman from Indiana, Mr. Cushman, said that Mr. Black had done such things as Commissioner of Pensions that he would have been brought to justice for.

Mr. Cushman, of Indiana, contended that the amount appropriated was amply sufficient to supply the needs of the service.

Mr. Henderson, of Iowa, cited figures to show that the deficiencies began when his Democratic friends came into control and cut the appropriations so short that during the last year there was a deficiency of \$23,000,000. Mr. Peters, of Kansas, made an exhaustive argument to show that the appropriation carried by the bill was amply sufficient to supply the needs of the service, which would be granted during the ensuing year. The Democratic party was always flooded with tears in behalf of the soldier when it was out of power, but when it came into power it was quite a different thing. During the first session of this Congress the Democrats had been passing the earth and frothing at the mouth in behalf of the pension bill. The Democratic party was endeavoring to embrace the Farmers' Alliance movement. He wanted the Fifty-second Congress to pass the bill.

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SINXWORTH, W. Va., Dec. 5.—The funeral of Judge D. T. Harner today was the largest ever held here. He was buried by the Old Fellows, and the religious services were conducted by Rev. Vincent and Rev. Eloquent. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock. Among those present were Grand Secretary E. A. Billingsley, Hon. John J. Davis, Hon. Philip G. W. Myers, Henry Haymond and Mack Long.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—Among the visitors at the Capitol today were Dr. Weymouth, of Beverly, and Dr. Hoff, of Buchannon. Senator Faulkner has taken house here this winter. His residence is at 219 E. Capitol street, near the Capitol building. His family consists of his wife and three daughters, aged 17, 15 and 13. Miss Nellie Wayne, who makes her home with the Faulknors, and who is a niece of Mr. Faulkner, also a son, aged 12. The Senator's oldest boy is attending military school at Lexington, Va. Miss Jennie Faulkner will make her debut in Washington society during the coming year season.

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